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NEWS SUMMARY

WASHINGTON POST:  
CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-MTUNG RECEIVED YOU YESTERDAY FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS  
AMID INDICATIONS THAT YOUR VISIT TO PEKING WILL PRODUCE CONCRETE  
DEVELOPMENTS IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. (A-1)

PETER OSNOS NOTES THAT DESPITE THE BEST HOPES FOR THE AGREEMENT TO  
END THE VIETNAM WAR, THE WAR HAS NOT ENDED AND SOME AREAS OF VIETNAM  
WERE ACTUALLY MORE PEACEFUL WHEN THE WAR WAS OFFICIALLY ON.  
(A-1)

ACCORDING TO THOMAS LIPPMAN, PRESIDENT THIEU IS CONTINUING TO RUN  
SOUTH VIETNAM ALMOST AS IF THE PARIS CEASE-FIRE ~~AGREEMENT~~ *HAS NEVER*  
BEEN SIGNED, WITH THE ARMY AND POLICE AS HIS PRINCIPAL INSTRUMENTS  
OF STATECRAFT. (A-1)

GRAHAM MARTIN APPEARS TO BE THE LEADING CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED ELLS-  
WORTH BUNKER AS AMBASSADOR TO SAIGON. WILLIAM SULLIVAN IS APPAR-  
ENTLY HEADED FOR THE PHILIPPINES AS AMBASSADOR AND MARSHALL GREEN  
WILL APPARENTLY HOLD THE SAME POSITION IN AUSTRALIA. (A-3)

THE PATHET LAO SAID YESTERDAY THAT THEY WILL NOT FREE AMERICAN  
POW'S UNTIL THERE IS A CEASE FIRE IN LAOS. THEY ALSO SAID THAT  
THE RELEASE WOULD TAKE PLACE IN LAOS, RATHER THAN NORTH VIETNAM.  
(A-10)

JOSEPH KROFT ASSERTS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ADROITLY USED THE  
OCCASION OF THE DOLLAR DEVALUATION TO PUT HIMSELF IN GOOD POSITION  
WITH CONGRESS AND THE WORLD ABROAD FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD MORE  
LIBERAL TRADE. HIS TACTICS--WHICH ARE THE TACTICS OF USING PRO-  
TECTIONIST TALKS AS A SMOKESCREEN FOR FREE TRADE--ARE TO THE POINT OF  
BEING RISKY. (B-7)

SUNDAY STAR:  
ALLIED AND COMMUNIST RADIOS BEGAN BROADCASTING AN APPEAL TO ALL  
TROOPS TO STOP FIRING AND RESPECT THE CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT. THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE SHORTLY AFTER THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION  
RELEASED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE CALLING ON THE SAIGON AND COMMUNIST

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COMMANDS TO ISSUE ORDERS TO COMPLETELY END HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM, RESPECT THE CEASE FIRE, SETTLE ALL QUESTIONS BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, WITH A VIEW TO AVERTING CONFLICTS AND PRESERVING A LASTING PEACE.

THE STAR GIVES THE FACTUAL ACCOUNT RELEASED BY RON ZIEGLER OF YOU MEETING WITH MAO YESTERDAY ALONG WITH A PICTURE OF YOU AND CHOU ARRIVING AT A BANQUET HALL IN PEKING FRIDAY NIGHT FOR A DINNER IN YOUR HONOR.

OSWALD JOHNSON CONTENDS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS SHROUDING ITS PLANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS FOR NORTH VIETNAM IN SECRECY AND UNCERTAINTY. SOURCES IN THE ADMINISTRATION REVEAL NO PROPOSALS FOR POST WAR AID WILL BE GOING TO CONGRESS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTEDLY TURNED DOWN ALL REQUESTS TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE ON CAPITAL HILL. STATE CLAIMS THERE IS NO ONE IN CHARGE OF POST-WAR AID PLANNING IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THERE IS NO PROGRAM. JOHNSON INJECTS THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN OVER THE AID PROGRAM AND JOHN HOLDRIDGE IS REPORTEDLY IN CHARGE.

CARL ROWAN SAYS MRS. GHANDI'S REMARKS ABOUT THE WESTERN PRESENCE IN ASIA RAISED SOME HACKLES IN WASHINGTON. ROWAN SAYS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PUT ON A CHILDISH TANTRUM BECAUSE SHE SPOKE SOME TRUTH ABOUT WESTERN PRESENCE IN ASIA COMPARED TO WHAT THE COMMUNISTS HAD BEEN SAYING THIS WAS ONLY A TRIFLE CRITICISM. THE RHETORIC OUT OF CHINA, RUSSIA AND NORTH VIETNAM IS STILL FULL OF INSULTS LIKE: "IMPERIALIST" AND "MURDERER" AND "AGGRESSOR", BUT YOU KEEP POPPING INTO COMMUNIST CAPITALS TO BREAK BREAD AND DRINK WINE AS THOUGH THEY WERE THE BEST FRIENDS FREEDOM EVER HAD. ROWAN SUGGESTS THAT SHE SAID THIS BECAUSE THE U.S. WAS TRYING TO DIVVY UP INFLUENCE IN ASIA AMONG RUSSIA, CHINA AND JAPAN WHILE IGNORING INDIA, THE SECOND POPULACE COUNTRY IN THIS WORLD.

NEW YORK TIMES:

THE FRONT PAGE OF THE TIMES PICTURES YOU, MAO, AND CHOU CONVERSING. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR MEETING WITH MAO BY RON ZIEGLER IS ON PAGE NINE BUT NO REACTION IS GIVEN.

A WELL PLACED ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SAID AMB. GODLEY WOULD REPLACE MARSHAL GREEN AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF OF ASIAN AFFAIRS AND THAT CHARLES WHITEHOUSE WOULD REPLACE AMB. GODLEY IN LAOS. IN ANOTHER CHANGE, AMBASSADOR UNGER WILL REPLACE AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH IN INDONESIA.

A REPORT FILED BY HENRY TANNER IN CAIRO ON FEBRUARY 17TH SAYS THE

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EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO SEND HAFEZ ISMAIL TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. MR. ISMAIL IS TO IMPRESS ON THE PRESIDENT THAT EGYPT WILL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ACCEPT THE LOSS OF ANY OF HER TERRITORY THAT ISRAEL OCCUPIED'S 731-73 91 543 1967 WAR. HE IS TO IMPRESS ON HIM THAT EGYPT WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE THE PRESENT STATE OF OCCUPATION. MR. ISMAIL WILL ALSO STOP OVER IN LONDON AND IMPRESS THE SAME VIEWS ON THE BRITISH LEADERS BEFORE GOING ON TO WASHINGTON. THE DECISION FOR MR. ISMAIL TO COME TO WASHINGTON APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE AFTER CHIEF DIPLOMAT, JOSEPH N. GREEN, JR., MET WITH MR. ISMAIL AND ISMAIL FAHNEY A FEW DAYS AGO. THE TWO EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS ARE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TOLD MR. GREEN THAT ANY AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE THAT FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF THE ENTIRE SINAI PENINSULA TO EGYPT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. GREEN WAS REPORTEDLY TOLD THAT EGYPT WOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATIONS TO ANY AMERICAN PROPOSAL BASED ON THE UN RESOLUTION THAT CALLS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY AS WELL AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. MANY EGYPTIANS THINK THAT ONLY THE UNITED STATES CAN GET ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW, BUT FEW BELIEVE THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS WILLING TO EXERT THE NECESSARY PRESSURE ON THE ISRAELIS.

C.L. SULZBERGER COMMENTS THAT PENTAGON STUDIES HAVE PERSUADED THE WHITE HOUSE THAT ENDING THE DRAFT AND SHIFTING THIS YEAR TO ARMED FORCES ONLY ON VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENTS WILL BUT SLIGHTLY DIMINISH THE OVER-ALL SIZE OF THIS COUNTRY'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. THEREFORE THIS WILL NEITHER WEAKEN THE U.S. DEFENSE ROLE AT HOME OR ABROAD NOR AFFECT ITS ROLE AS A MAJOR FACTOR IN ACHIEVING FOREIGN POLICY GOALS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL CONSENSUS ON THIS VITAL ISSUE WITHOUT EITHER OPTING OUT OF WORLD RESPONSIBILITIES OR FEEDING ISOLATIONIST TENDENCIES. IT IS A DIFFICULT JOB BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY FACED.

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